

⁴William K. Lane, of Wayne County, was a member of the Council of State, 1852-1854; state senator, 1856-1864; and Confederate captain. R. D. W. Connor (comp. and ed.), *A Manual of North Carolina . . . 1913* (Raleigh: North Carolina Historical Commission, 1913), 438, 849, hereinafter cited as Connor, *North Carolina Manual*, 1913; Clark, *North Carolina Regiments*, IV, 72.

W. B. Taylor¹ to William A. Graham

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Carson Gold Mining Company
of North Carolina
Office, No. 206 S. Fourth Street, Philad'a.

April 12, 1866[?]

Dear Sir

Your favour in answer to my communication, was re'd. in due time and was very Satisfactory. Mr. Wiseman is now on his way to Carolina for the purpose of investigating the title to whole property and the probability or possibility of purchasing the whole. If the whole property can be procured on reasonable terms as to price and time, I think I can sell it. Wiseman wishes to sell and I am trying to assist him but find parties are averse to purchasing unless they can get all the property. I have advised him to place this whole matter in your hands so as to have it properly and speedily investigated. If he does so I hope you will give it your earliest attention and keep me informed of everything connected with it, both as to title and terms upon which it can be purchased. I shall be governed in my proceedings by this information I receive from you. I do not wish to involve my friends in any difficulties.

If I succeed in selling the property, and you wish me to do so, I will arrange for the payment of your fees.

P.S. Wiseman will see you in the next 10 days about this business.

¹Although definitive identification of Taylor and Wiseman has not been possible, this letter was included because it reflects northern interest in southern investments. Mineral lands were what most Northerners sought; in North Carolina their hopes usually proved illusory.
